TITLE 312 NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION

Notice of Intent to Adopt a Rule

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Under IC 4-22-2-23, the Natural Resources Commission intends to adopt a rule concerning the following:

OVERVIEW: Amends 312 IAC 18-1-13 to update the definition of "pest or pathogen" to be consistent with the statutory definition. Amends 312 IAC 18-2-2 to allow the director to establish and modify boundaries of a quarantined area for a pest or pathogen consistently with amendments made to IC 14-24-4-2. Adds 312 IAC 18-3-22 to produce seedlings, used in reforestation, afforestation, or another natural resources purpose, that are free of pests or pathogens. Questions may be sent to the Division of Hearings, Natural Resources Commission, Indiana Government Center North, 100 North Senate Avenue, Room N501, Indianapolis, Indiana 46204-2200, at nrcrules@nrc.in.gov, or by telephone at (317) 232-4699. Comments may be sent by regular mail to the address above or through http://www.in.gov/nrc/2377.htm. Statutory authority: IC 14-10-2-4; IC 14-24-3-1.

For purposes of IC 4-22-2-28.1, the Small Business Regulatory Coordinator for this rule is:

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For purposes of <u>IC 4-22-2-28.1</u>, the Small Business Ombudsman designated by <u>IC 5-28-17-5</u> is:

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Resources available to regulated entities through the small business ombudsman include the ombudsman's duties stated in <u>IC 5-28-17-5</u>, specifically <u>IC 5-28-17-5(9)</u>, investigating and attempting to resolve any matter regarding compliance by a small business with a law, rule, or policy administered by a state agency, either as a party to a proceeding or as a mediator.

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